



PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 041514-5115

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Shinichiro ABE et al.)

Application No.: 09/815,338)

Filed: March 23, 2001)

For: APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING)
INFORMATION BASED ON THE TYPE)
OF COMPRESSION METHOD USED IN)
COMPRESSING THE INFORMATION)
(As Amended))

Confirmation No.: 4416

Group Art Unit: 2655

Examiner: Patel, Gautam

MAIL STOP RCE

RECEIVED

JUN 18 2004

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
220 20th Street S.
Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated April 21, 2004.